

MINUTES  
Taskforce for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
September 2, 2008  
Arkansas State Capitol – Room 151  
10:00 a.m.

Chair Dianne Lamberth called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

Members present: Dianne Lamberth, Chris Masingill, John Ahlen, Gary Campbell, Gene Eagle for Mac Dodson, Guy Fenter, Bill Ferren, Maria Haley, James Hendren, Pat Lea, Jim Youngquist, and Randy Zook

Members absent: Judy Adams, John Barnes, Clay Curtner, Gene Hill, Brad Lacy, Mike Maulden and Sam Walls.

Staff present: Lisa Cogbill and Terre McLendon.

Guests present: None.

A motion to accept the amended minutes from the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting was passed.

Jim Youngquist presided over the meeting in which members went over proposals relevant to the first and second charges:

1. The role and scope of economic development in Arkansas in the twenty-first century; and
2. The programs and services needed for the State and its communities to be globally competitive within the role and scope of twenty-first century economic development.

The Institute for Economic Advancement will compile the recommendations and will send them to Lisa Cogbill for distribution to members before the September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Members are asked to prioritize the recommendations and provide comments. IEA will work to provide an online survey.

A copy of the final report from the Arkansas Task Force on Higher Education Remediation, Retention, and Graduation Rate was distributed to members. James Hendren moved that the Task Force for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Economy endorse the findings. Maria Haley and Guy Fenter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Task Force will be September 11, at 10 a.m. at the State Chamber of Commerce. Discussion will focus on the structure of the economic-development agencies.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Cogbill.